

**Testimony Regarding Support for HB 5283 & SB 229 and
School Construction Funds for Public Charter Schools
March 4, 2022**

Co-Chairs Senator McCrory and Representative Sanchez and other distinguished members of the Education Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak before you today. My name is Noah Acuna, I am a student at The Bridge Academy Public Charter School in Bridgeport CT.

I would like to read you a poem that speaks to the way I feel related to the proposed cuts by Governor Lamont.

Mr. Lamont you said that you will stand for the people but all you are standing is on 2.5 billion dollars rotting in the bank.

If you don't listen to the people then why are you here?

You are supposed to represent us, the people of Connecticut. We, the children, are the future of Connecticut.

We have a run down school. We are understaffed. We have a low budget

Even though we are surviving, for how long? We want a safe place. We want a school with a great education. We need more staff.

We were told that this is supposed to be a country of freedom but all it is are some hypocrites that are telling us what to do. We deserve Better and I am talking for other schools and families in this STATE.

Best regards,

Noah Acuna Student

The Bridge Academy Public Charter School